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Spring has sprung. As Yankees spring training begins — and continues for another four long weeks — Metro looks at the top players and positions to keep an eye on. **Konnichiwa.**

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Today's tweet

"I've hunted for apartments in New York. I KNOW that gossip girl is a lie."

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New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman joined Bronx Rep. Jose Serrano and NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton to discuss the new bill. / GETTY IMAGES

'Apple picking' fix: Phone kill switch

Bill. Proposed legislation aims to curb increasing smartphone thefts citywide and across the country.

By the numbers



20%

In 2013, 20 percent of city robberies targeted smartphones.

A new bill gets to the core of "Apple picking" and cell phone theft, officials said.

Federal legislation announced Monday would require manufacturers to include "kill switches" in smartphones, enabling consumers to remotely delete data from stolen phones and making devices useless to thieves.

"Thieves are not going to stop stealing smartphones until they know that smartphones are all worthless," New York

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said.

The law, sponsored by Bronx Rep. Jose Serrano, would be enforced by the Federal Communications Commission and help cut down on an increasing number of smartphone

thefts in the city and across the country, officials said.

Last year, 20 percent of robberies in New York City targeted such devices, a 40 percent increase from the year before. Officials hope making devices worthless will deter future thieves.

Though cell phone manufacturers and service providers have expressed willingness to combat "Apple picking," officials said there hasn't been enough incentive for them to implement technological advances.

"This cannot only be about profits," Serrano said.

City resident Annie Palazzolo, whose sister Megan Boken was killed during a smartphone robbery in St. Louis, Mo., urged companies to imple-

Incentive

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Schneiderman

ment "kill switch" technology.

"She paid the ultimate price. Because someone wanted to steal her brand-new iPhone, Megan lost her life at age 23," Palazzo said.

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Port Authority



The bridge / GETTY IMAGES

Officer stops woman from jumping off GWB

Port Authority police stopped a 25-year-old Manhattan woman from jumping off the George Washington Bridge late Monday morning.

A spokesman for the Port Authority reported that a Port Authority officer approached the New York-side tower's walkway after the woman leaned over the rail at 11:45 a.m.

The woman stood on the rail with her upper body hanging over the water when Officer Christopher Outhouse approached and apprehended her.

The woman remains unidentified. Her cell phone allegedly contained text messages in which she threatened to kill herself.

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In Brooklyn

Girlfriend arrested after boyfriend is found dead

Police arrested a man's girlfriend after he was found stabbed to death in his Brooklyn home Monday, officials said.

John Ferraro, 38, was found with multiple stab wounds to the torso at his home in Bergen Beach around 8:25 a.m., police said.

Ferraro's girlfriend, Jacqueline Carroll, 34, was arrested and charged with murder in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon, police said.

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Security was tight outside of the Federal Court in NYC. / GETTY IMAGES

Terrorism. Bin Laden relative goes on trial

Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, went on trial in New York on Monday, becoming one of the highest-profile defendants to face terrorism charges in the United States.

Prosecutors have accused the Kuwaiti-born Abu Ghaith, 48, of recording videos in Afghanistan on behalf of al Qaeda

following the attacks of September 11, 2001, threatening further violence against Americans.

Defense lawyers argue the government cannot prove Abu Ghaith had any involvement in the plots to kill U.S. citizens.

Opening statements are expected to take place Wednesday or soon after.

REUTERS

Big blaze. Woman, 92, dies in Queens fire, two others injured

An elderly woman died after a fire at her Queens apartment building Monday, officials said.

Maria Tchinkel, 92, died after a blaze erupted about 10:25 a.m. on the first floor of the Ridgewood apartment building where she lived, police said. An official with

and fire officials said. Tchinkel was rushed to Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, where she was later pronounced dead. Two others, one seriously hurt and another

suffering from minor injuries, were taken to the same hospital, the fire department said.

Twelve units and some 60 firefighters responded to the one-alarm fire, officials said.

The fire was brought under control just after 11 a.m. The fire marshal will determine the cause of the blaze, and the medical examiner will determine the cause of

Tchinkel's d

Housing

City reaches agreement on Domino site

The de Blasio administration announced late Monday that the developers of the old

Domino Sugar site in Williamsburg agreed to build 700 permanently affordable apartments throughout the complex. Work on the first building is scheduled to begin in December.

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NYPD busts members of violent Bronx gang

Turf fight. Ten were indicted for taking part in murders and assaults.

Ten high-ranking members of a Bronx-based gang were indicted on charges related to violent drug turf disputes, officials announced Monday.

Prosecutors allege that members of the 280 gang participated in numerous murders and assaults using guns, razor blades and other weapons while fighting with other groups in the Morrisania section of the Bronx, including Dub City, WTG and 6 Wild.

Police arrested the 10 members Friday, charging them with conspiracy to commit murder, assault, narcotics possession and weapons possession.

The arrests are part



Police tracked social media accounts of members of the gang as part of the investigation. / OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR

Life in danger

“Reckless, wanton shootings detailed in the indictment forced innocent bystanders to take cover and neighborhoods to conduct daily business in great fear for their safety and security.”

Bridget Brennan
Special Narcotics Prosecutor

of the NYPD's Operation Crew Cut, through which 50 individuals have been indicted in 18 months.

Among those arrested last week were alleged 280 leader Diamond "Bo Gotti" Brown and two of his "top lieutenants," Jesus Perez and Guess Carter, all 21 years old, officials said.

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In the Bronx

Argument leads to fatal shooting of young man

A 23-year-old man was found shot to death in the Bronx on Sunday night after what appears to have been a dispute, police said.

Joseph Belton was found with multiple gunshot wounds to the torso on Creston Avenue in Fordham Heights just after 6 p.m. He was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Cops said no arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing. Police believe the shooting was provoked by a dispute.

On Monday, investigators were looking for a man suspected in the shooting who was caught on video by a surveillance camera, police said.

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Upper East Side

Mayor honors hero cops who saved baby

Mayor Bill de Blasio honored the two men who saved a baby on Saturday while on patrol in Manhattan.

The officers responded to an emergency call from the panicked parents of 15-month-old Norah Schechter after she stopped breathing in their Upper East Side apartment.

De Blasio — who exchanged hugs and laughs with officers Michael Konatsotis and David Roussine — called them epitomes of public servants who serve as examples of the NYPD's readiness in extraordinary circumstances.

Roussine, 25, joined the force 18 months ago. Konatsotis, 45, is a 16-year veteran of the NYPD and has three kids.

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Mayor's after-school plan caught in crossfire

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Education. The expansion of after-school programs is tied to the tax hike that would fund prekindergarten.

The city is ready to commit \$190 million a year to fund after-school programming for its public middle schools, doubling the number of eligible students in the fall.

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Monday that the administration would boost the education as well as the youth and community development departments to cover an additional 273 schools that don't offer after-school services.

The plan's success is tied to the ongoing fight for universal prekindergarten.

In total, the city would



The mayor released a report on Monday about expanding the city's after-school program. / MAYOR'S OFFICE

increase the number of schools and community centers to 512 from 239. That means an additional 62,791 middle school-aged students would have access to after-school programming by September, if the city secures the money.

"This is not a small undertaking. This is not a pilot program," de Blasio said. "This is a system-wide change."

The expansion of the after-school program relies on the same tax hike on New Yorkers who earn \$500,000 or more that would be used to pay for universal prekindergarten, a fight the administration has been embroiled in for months.

State stakes

Making nice with Albany

The mayor will visit Albany today to lobby legislators to allow the city to increase taxes on wealthy New Yorkers.

"I think we keep adding information to the equation, and I've got to tell you, it's having a big impact on the discussion," de Blasio said of his talks with lawmakers.

De Blasio told reporters he hopes to meet with Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has proposed statewide universal prekindergarten without a tax hike.

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A unit claiming to be Cossack and other citizen pro-Russian volunteers arrive to take up position outside a Ukrainian military base where heavily armed unidentified soldiers have surrounded Ukrainian soldiers inside in Crimea Monday. / GETTY IMAGES

Markets plunge as Russia looms over Ukraine

Threat of war. The Russian president is poised to use military force in the region.

Russia paid a heavy financial price on Monday for its military intervention in neighboring Ukraine, with stocks, bonds and the ruble plunging as President Vladimir Putin's forces tightened their grip on the Russian-speaking Crimea region.

The Moscow stock market fell 10.8 percent, wiping nearly \$60 billion off the value of Russian companies — more than the \$51 billion Russia spent on the Winter Olympics in Sochi last month.

The central bank spent as much as \$12 billion of its reserves to prop up the ruble as investors took fright at tensions with the West over the former Soviet republic.

Putin declared over the weekend that he had the right to invade Ukraine to protect Russian interests and citizens.

U.S. President Barack Obama called Russia's actions a violation of international law and, of Ukraine's sovereignty, said Washington would look at sanctions to isolate Moscow.

"Over time this will be a costly proposition for Rus-

Sen. Murphy says

Sanctions would need Europe

U.S. lawmakers are considering options such as imposing sanctions on Russia's banks and freezing assets of Russian public institutions and private investors because of Moscow's moves in Ukraine, U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, the chairman of the Senate's Europe subcommittee, said. He said U.S. sanctions against Russia will have little effect if they are not matched by actions from Europe. **REUTERS**

Taking stock

US stocks slide amid turmoil

U.S. stocks tumbled on Monday alongside other risky assets globally as tensions in Ukraine and Russia escalated.

News that Ukraine mobilized for war on Sunday and Washington threatened to isolate Russia economically overshadowed better-than-expected U.S. data, including an index showing that factory activity rebounded from an eight-month low in February. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Over time this will be a costly proposition for Russia. And now is the time for them to consider whether they can serve their interests in a way that resorts to diplomacy as opposed to force." Obama

sia. And now is the time for them to consider whether they can serve their interests in a way that resorts to diplomacy as opposed to force," he told reporters, saying Putin should let international monitors mediate a deal acceptable to all Ukrainians.

In his first public appearance for nearly a week, Putin flew to watch military maneuvers in western Russia in what appeared designed as a show of strength. **REUTERS**



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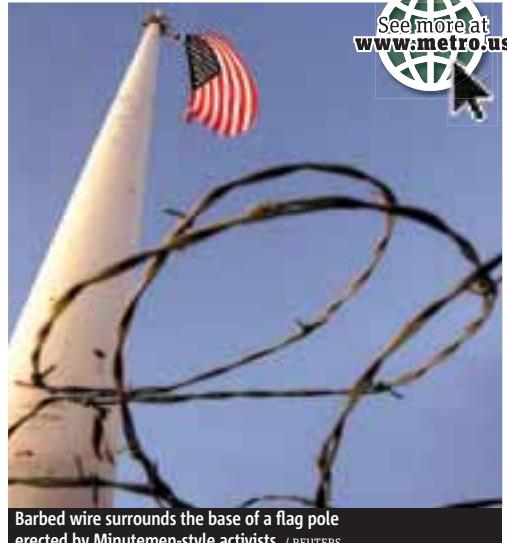
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Supreme Court declines hearings on immigration

Jurisdiction.

Frustrated at federal efforts, communities have attempted to crack down on illegal immigration themselves.



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The federal Supreme Court on Monday rejected attempts by towns in Texas and Pennsylvania to revive local laws that cracked down on illegal immigration.

The court decided against hearing appeals filed by Farmers Branch, Texas, and Hazleton, Penn., which were seeking to overturn appeals court rulings that said the ordinances were trumped by federal immigration law. In doing so, the court left intact the appeals court rulings and avoided wading into the divisive issue of immigration at a time when reform efforts have stalled in Congress.

Prompted by concerns that the federal government was not adequately enforcing immigration laws, officials in both towns enacted ordinances that, among other things, required tenants to provide identification that could later be verified with

Barbed wire surrounds the base of a flag pole erected by Minuteman-style activists. / REUTERS

Immigrant advocates

Advocates for immigrants say that:

- Five out of six federal courts of appeals that have dealt with similar

housing-related ordinances have held that they conflict with the federal government's role as the primary enforcer of immigration law.

immigration authorities and penalized landlords from renting to illegal immigrants. The Hazleton ordinance also penalized employers for knowingly employing unlawful immigrants. Groups of tenants, landlords, employers and workers challenged the

laws in court. They won in both cases, prompting the towns to seek Supreme Court review.

The last time the court decided a major immigration case was in 2012, when it partially upheld Arizona's immigration law. / REUTERS

Time for school

Michelle Obama to visit China schools

First lady Michelle Obama will travel to three cities in China this month, her daughters and mother in tow, and plans to share stories of her travels with American students through a travel blog, the White House said on Monday.

Obama will meet her counterpart, Peng Liyuan, during the trip. / REUTERS

Sex crimes. Military in spotlight at trial

The rare court martial of an Army general charged with sex crimes will delve into explicit details of his adulterous affair with a female captain in two war zones, and alleged inappropriate email exchanges with other subordinates.

The accusations led to Brigadier Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair's removal from command in Afghanistan in 2012 and his trial, set to begin today at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will shed light on how the military

handles such complaints.

Proponents of military justice reform say the case underscores broader problems with the armed forces' approach to sexual assault prosecutions and shows the need for an overhaul as reports increase. A chief concern is that the current system gives military commanders without legal training control over prosecutions, prompting accusations of partiality. / REUTERS

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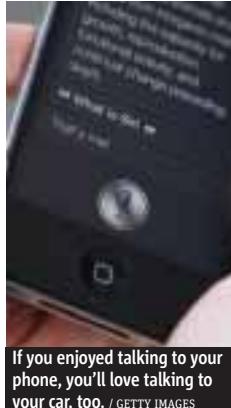
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Apple unveils iPhone technology for drivers

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Apple makes its next move in hands-free smartphone technology for car drivers when it unveils a new, integrated iPhone voice-control system at the Geneva Motor Show this week.

The company's CarPlay makes its debut in Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz and Volvo vehicles at the show, demonstrating the software

system that allows drivers to control their iPhones via touch and voice, Apple said on Monday.

Drivers can also use maps, listen to music and access messages "with just a word or a touch," Apple said. Drivers will also be able to read messages and dictate responses via Apple's Siri software.

Apple said CarPlay will be available in cars from BMW, Ford, GM, Honda, Hyundai, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Subaru, Suzuki and Toyota.

REUTERS

Late to the party

Zynga tries to jump on mobile gaming train

Zynga Inc. said on Monday it will kick off a soft launch of its

"FarmVille 2: Country Escape" game and two other updated core titles before the end of March — critical first steps as it seeks to remake itself as a mobile gaming company.

"Did the company miss a beat with the transition to mobile? Absolutely. Are we fixing that? Yes, we are," Chief Executive Don Mattrick said in a recent interview. REUTERS

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Witness stand. South African Paralympian Pistorius' trial begins

The first witness at Oscar Pistorius' murder trial told the court on Monday she heard "bloodcurdling screams" from a woman followed by shots, a dramatic opening to a case that could see one of global sport's most admired role models jailed for life.

Taking the stand after the Paralympic and Olympic star pleaded not guilty to murdering his girlfriend, model Reeva Steenkamp, on Valentine's Day last year, neighbor Michelle Burger testified she was woken in the middle of the night by a woman shouting for help.

"I was still sitting in the bed and I heard her screams," Burger, who lives 194 yards from Pistorius' home in an adjacent housing complex, told the Pretoria High Court.

"She screamed terribly and she yelled for help. Then I also heard a



man screaming for help. Three times he yelled for help," she said, speaking in Afrikaans through an interpreter.

Thinking it was a violent break-in — a possibility in crime-ridden South Africa — Burger said her husband called the private security firm guarding their upmarket Pretoria housing estate before the pair heard more shouts.

"I heard the screams again. It was worse. It was more intense," said Burger, a Pretoria University economics lecturer. "She was very scared."

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Finding a cure

South African scientists map HIV antibodies

Scientists in South Africa have mapped the evolution of an antibody that kills different strains of the HIV virus, which might yield a vaccine for the incurable disease, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases said on Monday.

The researchers were able to clone the antibodies and would test, first in monkeys, if they were able to give immunity to a person without the virus, said Lynn Morris, head of the NICD virology unit. REUTERS

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Budgeting.

LearnVest editor Carrie Sloan shares her tips on keeping up with your higher-earning friends.

Appearances are important, and no one knows this better than the underpaid, overeducated assistants working in industries like media, art and publishing. But how do you keep up with your banker friends or colleagues who are higher up on the pay scale?

Carrie Sloan, editor-in-chief at LearnVest, says no matter how important it seems to keep up with the Joneses, it's important not to get seduced into a lifestyle you can't afford and rack up scary credit card debt. "In the end, feeling in control of your money will give you more confidence at work than looking super-trendy," she says.

1 Reduce your fixed expenses: Fixed costs are expenses that are regular and do not change between time periods, such as rent and groceries. Sloan explains that if you can reduce your fixed expenses, you can make room for little luxuries in other parts of your budget. "If you can make changes like bringing your lunch to work, which costs an average of \$1,000 a year, or getting roommates and spending \$400 less per month on rent, that's more money that you free up for 'lifestyle' choices like dinners out or fun accessories."

2 Create personal money rules: Laying down the law can help curb your spending. Create rules for yourself that you won't break. "It might be, 'I only buy items under \$3

at Trader Joe's,' 'I never spend more than \$10 on an accessory,' or 'I always bring my lunch to work,'" says Sloan. These rules may seem insignificant, but the savings will eventually add up.

3 Invest in a few key pieces:

It may be important in your industry to look pulled together, but you don't need to spend a fortune to look the part. Sloan suggests finding key accessories, like a chic, versatile bag, or stylish glasses to have a signature look without having to keep up with short-lived trends.

4 Wait it out: Are you dying to buy something that's out of your budget? Sloan suggests pinning it on Pinterest and waiting for a few days. You may find you don't need it anymore. "Studies show that the brain chemicals that entice us to buy will dissipate if you instate a waiting period," she explains.



Extra tip

Shop smart

Sloan suggests buying quality pieces at sample sales and vintage stores in posh neighborhoods. There are also a number of flash sales, but it's easy to get a little too click-happy when you're online shopping. "Create a separate email address where you have all of your sales emails sent, so you're not tempted to impulse buy," she says.



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The stats

Lucky Fischer

Age: 22
Home: Germantown, Philadelphia
Lives with: His parents
Number of jobs: 1 job, 1 internship

For extra money, Fischer works at Urban Outfitters during the holidays and summer. / COURTESY OF LUCKY FISCHER

In our Second Shift series, we're profiling people who work more than one job to make ends meet. This week, meet **Lucky Fischer**, who graduated in August but is still on the hunt for a full-time job.

Where did you go to school?

I started out at Penn State, then transferred to Temple University, where I graduated with a degree in strategic communications with a concentration in public relations.

Is that the field your internship is in?

Yes. I intern five days a week at a full-service communications and advertising agency. We work with a lot of different clients, such as Geno's Steaks, and help manage their social media, events and various other things. It's unpaid, but I get a stipend.

What's your main job?

The job that pays the bills is with a place that helps people who are intellectually challenged. I work in their homes at night, from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. Since I have the night shift, I mainly help them in the morning with breakfast,

taking their medications and getting dressed. Then, one of my co-workers drives them to appointments during the day, takes them food shopping, clothes shopping, and gets them involved with the community. So during the week, I work my night job from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m., and then head to my internship, where I am from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

When do you sleep?

I have weekends off, so that's when I'm able to catch up on sleep, see my friends and take time for myself.

Q&A

Are you able to save money, since you live at home?

Yes, tremendously. I have

to start paying my student loans this month, but because I've been living at home I've been able to save so I can pay them and won't have to worry about falling behind. I'm

about to move into a two-bedroom apartment with my old college roommate, but I'll still be able to save. The rent is only \$575, which we will be splitting.

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Talking point

ScarJo is expecting a French bébé

Scarlett Johansson, 29, is expecting a baby with her French fiancé Romain Dauriac, E! News confirmed yesterday. Not much is known about Johansson's baby daddy. Alternate reports have him as a journalist, the head of a creative agency and an advertising director. Whoever he is, he has excellent taste: Johansson showed off her ginormous vintage Art Deco engagement ring at the Venice Film Festival in September.

Did ScarJo know she was pregnant when she talked with the Daily Mail in December? "I would like to have my own family, that would be nice," she said. "They say it's never the right time and I am sure that's true, but I think you have to plan it like anything else."

After the Oscars — a quick costume and friend change



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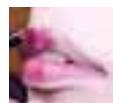
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"I never really believed it was going to be published, so my idea was just to write the book I would want to read if I was 15 or 16."

Green, about "Half-Bad"



Books. Move over, "Divergent," a new young adult novel is taking over.

Sally Green's book "Half-Bad" just came out today and it has already been sold in 45 countries, turned into a trilogy and optioned for a movie, being produced by Karen Rosenfelt, who was responsible for "Twilight," "Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters" and "The Book Thief." Oh, and it's her first book.

If you're already completely over "The Hunger Games" and need something to hold you over until "Divergent" hits theaters, this is it.

"Half-Bad" is about a 16-year-old boy named Nathan, who lives in a cage and is being trained to kill. Living among humans are witches, some purely good and some horrendously evil, with Nathan's

father being the worst of the worst. To survive, Nathan needs to escape his keepers, find his father and receive three gifts that will bring him his own magical powers.

Bucking the trend of YA novels set in a futuristic dystopia, "Half-Bad" is set in modern-day England. "The book is [dystopian] in a way, but to be honest I never really believed it was going to be published, so my idea was just to write the book I would want to read if I was 15 or 16," Green tells us. "It wasn't in my mind about what the market needed or didn't need."

Interestingly, when Green began writing she had a very different novel in mind: "Initially, it was about a girl who didn't know she was a witch." She did, however, always plan on writing a trilogy.

"Originally, I had Nathan living in a White Witch world in book one, and you would think the



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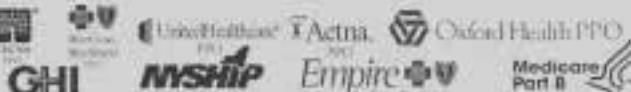
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for 'Half-Bad'

White Witches were going to be good. When you move to book two, the Black Witch world, you would see the witches in an entirely new way. And then the third book would tie it all together. But actually, it didn't work out like that," Green reveals.

As far as the movie goes, Green guesses the cast will be mostly unknown actors, although she has two dream people in mind: "To play Marcus, I would love George Clooney, but it would be the mean George Clooney, like in 'From Dusk till Dawn.' And Gabriel, the Black Witch that appears in the end of the book, is definitely Aidan Turner, who was in the latest 'Hobbit' movies. He's gorgeous," she says.

Green is currently at work on the second book, which she says is much more daunting than writing the first. "I didn't even know the first one was going to be published. I was writing it mainly for myself," she says. "Now I have a deadline and an audience that I have to keep happy. The blank page in the beginning [for the second book] was a bit nerve-racking. I was in a bit of a panic to get the first words down," she says. "After the first 10,000 words, then I relaxed into it."



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Compare and contrast

'Half-Bad'

Protagonist: Nathan, who is half White Witch, and half Black Witch.

Setting: Modern-day, supernatural world.

Moral of the story: Nothing is all black or white.



'The Hunger Games'

Protagonist: Katniss, who must fight for her district in a death match.

Setting: Future dystopia.

Moral of the story: A society divided by class is doomed to fail.



'Twilight'

Protagonist: Bella, a social misfit who falls in love with a vampire.

Setting: Modern-day supernatural world.

Moral of the story: Love conquers all.



'Divergent'

Protagonist: Tris, who is biologically set apart from her society's devised factions.

Setting: Future dystopia.

Moral of the story: A person is the sum of his or her parts.



'Harry Potter'

Protagonist: Harry, who initially doesn't know he's



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Destinations.

This Utah outpost is more than just a film festival hub.

With more than 116 trails, Park City has long been a premiere destination for winter sports enthusiasts all over the world. The snow is so powdery, you can blow it away with a kiss. The airport is only 35 minutes from the slopes, so you can be on your skis within hours of landing. And it's home to dozens of Olympic athletes, including new gold medal snowboarder Sage Kotsenburg and silver medal skier Devin Logan.

But even if you aren't an adrenaline junkie, there's plenty to enjoy in this picturesque mountain town. From a surprising number of art galleries, as well as shopping and one of the best whiskey distilleries around, you won't be bored.

Where to stay

There are three resorts to choose from: **Park City Mountain Resort, Canyons and Deer Valley Resort**.

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If you're heading to Park City strictly to hit the slopes, check into Canyons resort, one of the largest ski and snowboarding resorts in North America. There are 19 chairlifts and a whole range of terrain on the grounds, not to mention breathtaking views.

If uber-luxury is what

you want, you'll feel right at home at Deer Valley Resort — and with condominiums to rent, you'll actually feel like you live there. The St. Regis Hotel sits regally among the mountains and is a skier's paradise: There is no snowboarding allowed.

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If skiing and snowboarding aren't your thing

Mixed in with the ski gear stores on **Main Street** are local clothing boutiques and art galleries that keep their doors open late to cater to those who spend all day on the slopes. The last Friday of every month, the town hosts a **Park City Gallery Stroll**, where customers can meander into the local art galleries for wine and conversation with local artists and store owners.

If you want to try something outdoorsy without risking a broken neck, try **snowshoeing**. Trekking across the mountains is meditative, and you'll get the same Instagram-worthy views as your more adventurous counterparts.

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Fuel for the slopes

Where to eat

Utah may be a land-locked state, but seafood is really popular, offered at almost all local restaurants and even burger joints. While you'll be hard pressed to find sushi, Thai or Indian food, pubs are in abundance.

The can't-miss restaurant of the city is **High West Distillery & Saloon**, located right off Main Street. The trendy interior with mason jar lighting and dark wood still bears the bones of the 1870s farmhouse it once was. Sip on the double rye or Campfire whiskey, or the vodka lemonade, one of the most popular drinks year-round. To eat, don't miss the black coffee and bourbon-glazed cod, chicken pot pie and Krispy Kreme doughnuts with vanilla ice cream.

For an upscale meal, the **Deer Valley Resort's Seafood Buffet** sets the mood and will leave you satisfied. Fresh oysters, glazed scallops and crab legs are just a few of the myriad options available in this grand ballroom.



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Takeaways from the Christian Dior show



SNEELS LOOK DRESSED UP,
BUT THE RUBBER SOLE MAKES
THEM AS COMFY AS A SNEAKER.

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Paris Fashion Week. Our conclusions after obsessing over the photos and clippings.

Takeaway 1

Introducing: Sneels

That would be the sneaker heel, thank you. Prada started this idea with spring/summer '14, but Raf perfected it for autumn/winter by showing statement specimens that are slick stilettos on top and sporty, rubber-soled sneakers on the bottom. They're basically the footwear you've spent years wishing existed: a sexy shoe with the function of a pair of Crocs. (And no, we don't endorse wearing those.)

Quoted

"It's impossible for Simons to design anything that doesn't come straight from the heart."

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'Do's

Get Jared Leto's Oscar hair

At last night's ceremony, the interwebs were buzzing about Jared Leto's styled tresses as much as the gorgeous gowns on the red carpet — so much so that Vidal Sassoon issued a release detailing how to get the actor's gorgeous waves, which were styled by Chase Kusero.

But as pretty as Leto is, the 'do was actually a two-day process. Kusero

gives us the step-by-step:

1 Prep wet hair with Vidal Sassoon Pro Series Waves Primer Spray, applying it throughout to enhance any natural wave.



JARED LETO

WIREIMAGE

2 Apply Vidal Sassoon Pro Series Waves Pomade to the length of the hair for a flexible hold and some definition. Part your hair and let it air-dry.

3 The next day, spray Vidal Sassoon Pro Series Color-

Finity Dry Shampoo to the roots to refresh your locks.

4 Spray Vidal Sassoon Pro Series Heat Protect & Shine Spray and straighten several sections for a smooth look. **METRO**



JARED LETO

WIREIMAGE

5 **Rihanna has made underwear as outerwear a real thing.** The day before the Dior show, she had three outfit changes (two Balmain and one Lanvin), which ended with her going virtually topless in a nipple-exposing mesh shirt at Olivier Rousteing's party. Let's just call this Rihanna Fashion Week.

6 **Raf is ever the critical darling.** A few excerpts from early reviews:

American Vogue:

"As Simons has ably shown, pondering those concepts has led him to create some absolutely dazzling fashion, and none more so than with his phenomenal fall 2014 pret-a-porter collection for Dior; a collection that not only felt very much about the house and its legacy, but which coursed with Simons' own aesthetic, perhaps greater than any he has done for the house thus far."

Women's Wear Daily:

"This collection was his strongest yet for the house."

4 The puffer just got classy. We've seen the quilted jacket in florals, leather and techy graphics. But as a cocktail hour-appropriate skirt? We did today. And in Raf's hands, the idea makes perfect sense.



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Clare Waight Keller finds her footing at Chloe

If anyone wants to tap into that usually hard-to-recreate way of French girl dressing, she should just look at Chloe's fall '14 collection, which of course was ironically created by a British woman, Clare Waight Keller. But that goes to show just how, after a few hits and misses, she's really gotten into a groove at the house. It often takes a few seasons for a new designer to put her stamp on a brand, and Waight Keller has shown her strongest collection for the house yet. It works because it looks unmistakably Chloe (the distinctly French prettiness) and yet contemporary and unique (the unaffected cool factor and the absence of too many sartorial bells and whistles, to name a few.) Even when she's working with ubiquitous trends, such as fall's inescapable shaggy surfaces and trimmings, she does it in a unique and memorable way, such as in a series of black easy and lithe dresses with gold hardware. **KENYA HUNT**

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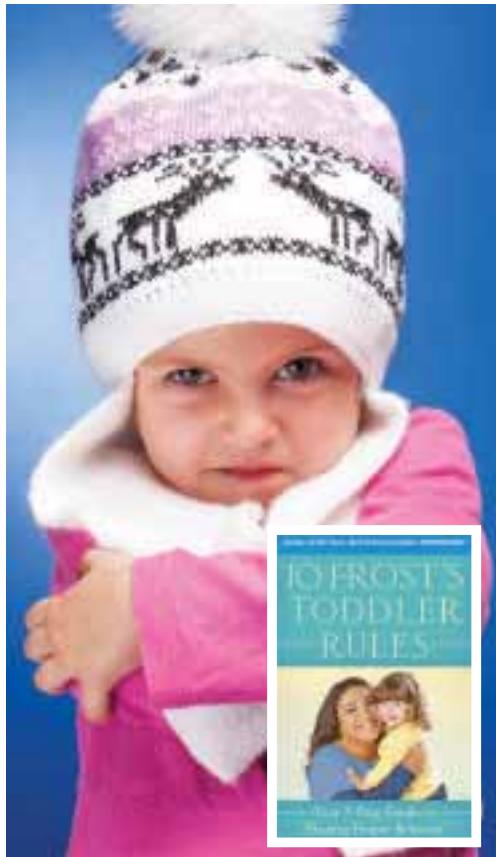
Child obesity rate drops to historic low

Federal health authorities have reportedly seen a 43 percent drop in the obesity rate in children ages 2 to 5 years old over the past 10 years. The data says 14 percent of kids between 2 and 5 were overweight in 2004, compared with 8 percent today.

"This is the first time we've seen any indication of any significant decrease in any group," Cynthia L. Ogden, a researcher for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told the New York Times.

While this is encouraging news, federal health researchers warn against being too excited since the rate has only dropped in this small age group and was not seen among children in other age groups or adults.

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Jo Frost has been stopping tantrums for 25 years. / COLOURBOX

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Jo Frost's book "Toddler Rules" comes out March 4.
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When a toddler starts having a meltdown — complete with monster tears and ear-piercing screams — most parents will do anything to make it stop. After 25 years of tending to others' bratty kids, "Supernanny" Jo Frost has tackled countless torturous tantrums. Now, she's sharing her wisdom in her new book, "Toddler Rules: Your 5-Step Guide to Shaping Proper Behavior."

"It's not about needing to control your child. It's about really understanding what your child is going through and knowing how to respond so you can eliminate them," she tells us. Frost's book focuses on the different types of temper tantrums and how to respond appropriately, teaching parents how to both stop them in the moment and to eliminate them completely.

"Unruly behavior can come from not implementing discipline. There's a gamut of things that can cause tantrums: Children can be tired, hungry or not wanting to leave the park. You have to identify which type of tantrum it is so you can put in place what the child needs," she

times," she advises. "We have to resist giving them [junk between meals] because they know if they make enough of a fuss, they'll get crackers before dinner. And then an hour later, they don't want anything to eat."

Perhaps most important is Frost's S.O.S. Method: taking a step back before reacting. "If you're in the eye of the tornado, you can't see what's happening left or right — but if you step back, you can see the whole picture," Frost says. "Then you can respond appropriately."

Of course, not everyone can have Frost come to their rescue, but she does have a few tips when it comes to finding your own supernanny.

"First, define what type of help you're looking for. Then, work with reputable agencies or someone who has been recommended. It's so important to check references and ask questions when you are interviewing."

"When you feel you've found the perfect nanny, do a week shadow, having him or her shadow you before you leave your child completely in his or her care. Even if it's before you hire, you have a right to do that."

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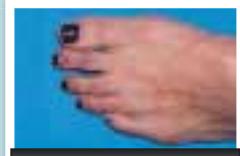
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Before



After

"After 7 years, I can finally wear heels again" - C. Stephen

Horoscope

H Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Choose an occupation that interests you, and learn as much as you can about it. Developing a plan will lead to advancement.

T Aries | March 21-April 20. Nothing will be able to hold you back today. Your energy level is high, and you are in a happy frame of mind.

T Taurus | April 21-May 21. Address a problem that is concerning you. Listen to the advice of those who have experienced similar difficulties, and you may find the solution you want.

II Gemini | May 22-June 20. There are many changes on the horizon. A chance encounter will lead to a very special partnership. You will be praised for your unselfish contribution.

C Cancer | June 21-July 22. Take special care of your personal interests. You should refuse any loan requests or other pleas for financial contributions.

L Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Romance and enjoyment will be the order of the day. Your goals are being realized through perseverance and hard work.

M Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Slow down and take a good look at your commitments. You risk damaging your health if you don't stop to reassess.

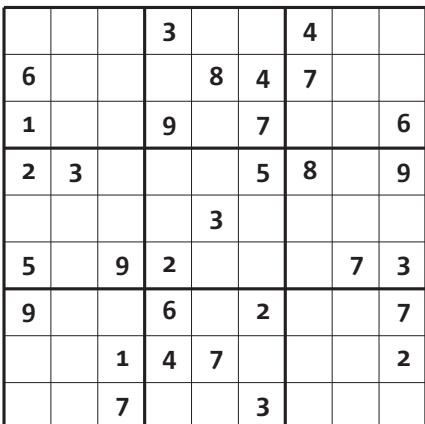
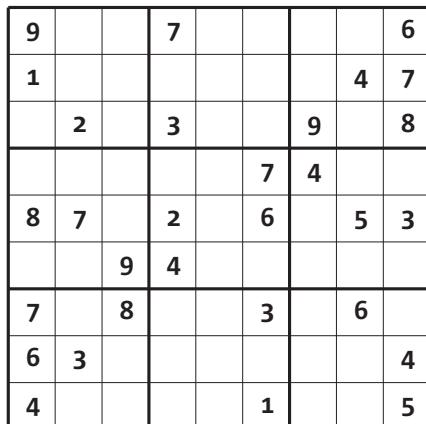
S Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. If you are unhappy, consider the circumstances. Perhaps your expectations are unrealistic. Think things over.

S Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. The key to security is the ability to manage your finances effectively. Share your dreams, and you are likely to come across a kindred spirit.

A Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You will be inspired to take on a new project. Your creativity and imagination will lead to a very successful outcome.

J Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You need to deal with matters on your own. Otherwise, you will expend a lot of energy trying to get others to agree.

W Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. There is a group that is looking for someone with your credentials. Participate and spend time with those who share your interests. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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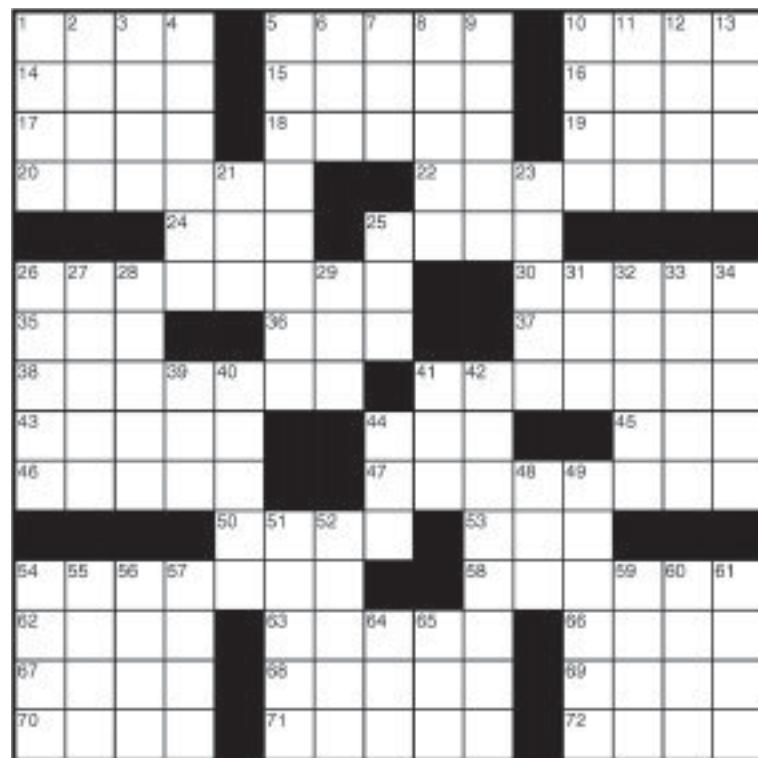
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- 1 Fearsome cape
- 5 Squirrel away
- 10 Uses a ray gun
- 14 Jai —
- 15 Farther from the middle
- 16 Foreign visitors?
- 17 Brass component
- 18 Forte's opposite
- 19 Final
- 20 Alpine refrains
- 22 Makes certain
- 24 Gathered dust
- 25 Bug repellent
- 26 Pine or fir
- 30 Dots on the map
- 35 201, to Claudius
- 36 Returns org.
- 37 Freeloader
- 38 Falcons' town
- 41 Ptah, along the Nile
- 43 Stall
- 44 — kwon do
- 45 Bravo, in Acapulco
- 46 Kind of bath
- 47 Tending toward
- 50 Put in hock
- 53 Chocolate-colored dog
- 54 Moor vista
- 58 Things to strive for
- 62 While away
- 63 Up and about
- 66 To — (exactly)

- 67 Carnival attraction
- 68 Senseless
- 69 Player's turn
- 70 Wagon pullers
- 71 — on (incited)
- 72 Save a coupon

Down

- 1 Vague
- 2 Mishmash
- 3 McNally's partner
- 4 Friendliest
- 5 Makes it snappy (3 wds.)
- 6 Yes, to Yvette
- 7 — loss
- 8 Ms. Zellweger
- 9 Hum
- 10 Z in phonetic alphabet
- 11 Miles away
- 12 Pretend to be
- 13 Former JFK arrivals
- 21 Attorney's field
- 23 Step
- 25 Library letters
- 26 Gazillions
- 27 Vocal group
- 28 Monsieur's daughter
- 29 A feast — famine
- 31 Wave maker
- 32 Drop a hint (2 wds.)
- 33 Quebec school
- 34 Destroy a document



5 Mets spring training storylines to watch

Always-cautious prognostications for the Mets dropped off a cliff last fall when Matt Harvey went under the knife for Tommy John surgery.

But the Mets didn't retreat into a shell with their best player on the shelf for all of 2014. They went out and signed a legitimate outfielder in Curtis Granderson and added a top-of-the-rotation pitcher, if aging, in Bartolo Colon.

Now they'll just have to convince fans to come to the ballpark and see them. The task begins in spring training where plenty of youth should be on display from a ripe farm system.



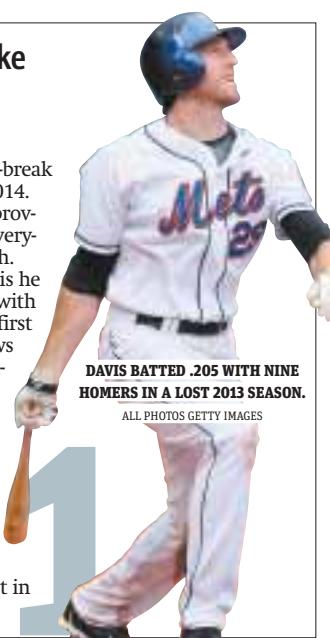
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Will the real Ike Davis please stand up?

Ike Davis' make-or-break season comes in 2014. So he better start proving he can be an everyday player in March.

The good news is he started the spring with a home run in his first game. The bad news is he's already dealing with some calf tightness, and was scratched Monday.

The Mets seem preoccupied with playing Lucas Duda at first, so Davis better impress this spring or it may be his last in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



DAVIS BATTED .205 WITH NINE HOMERS IN A LOST 2013 SEASON.

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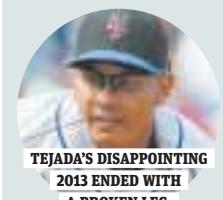
Wheel's up

Zack Wheeler said on the first day of spring training he wanted to start on Opening Day.

And while Jon Niese is probably the favorite, Wheeler has a chance this spring to prove his rookie season in 2013 was just a forebearer of something truly special. He will get his start Tuesday.

Pent-up

Neither guy would win any nice-guy awards, but both Kyle Farnsworth and Jose Valverde are in camp and have a legitimate shot at making the club out of the bullpen. The volatile former closers could be nice additions if they recapture former glory.



TEJADA'S DISAPPOINTING 2013 ENDED WITH A BROKEN LEG.

Coming up short

Few people, manager Terry Collins included, were thrilled with Ruben Tejada last season.

But he starts this spring as the man at shortstop largely because they have no other options.

Stephen Drew is out there to be signed, but the Mets are likely waiting for his price to drop.

Waiting on Syndergaard

Like Harvey and Wheeler before him, the wait for top pitching prospect Noah Syndergaard will be a painful one for Mets fans.

The 6-foot-6 righty blew away the Braves — including stars Jason Heyward and Justin Upton — with high-90s heat on Monday and carries a plus curveball. Enjoy him in March, because he starts 2014 in Triple-A.

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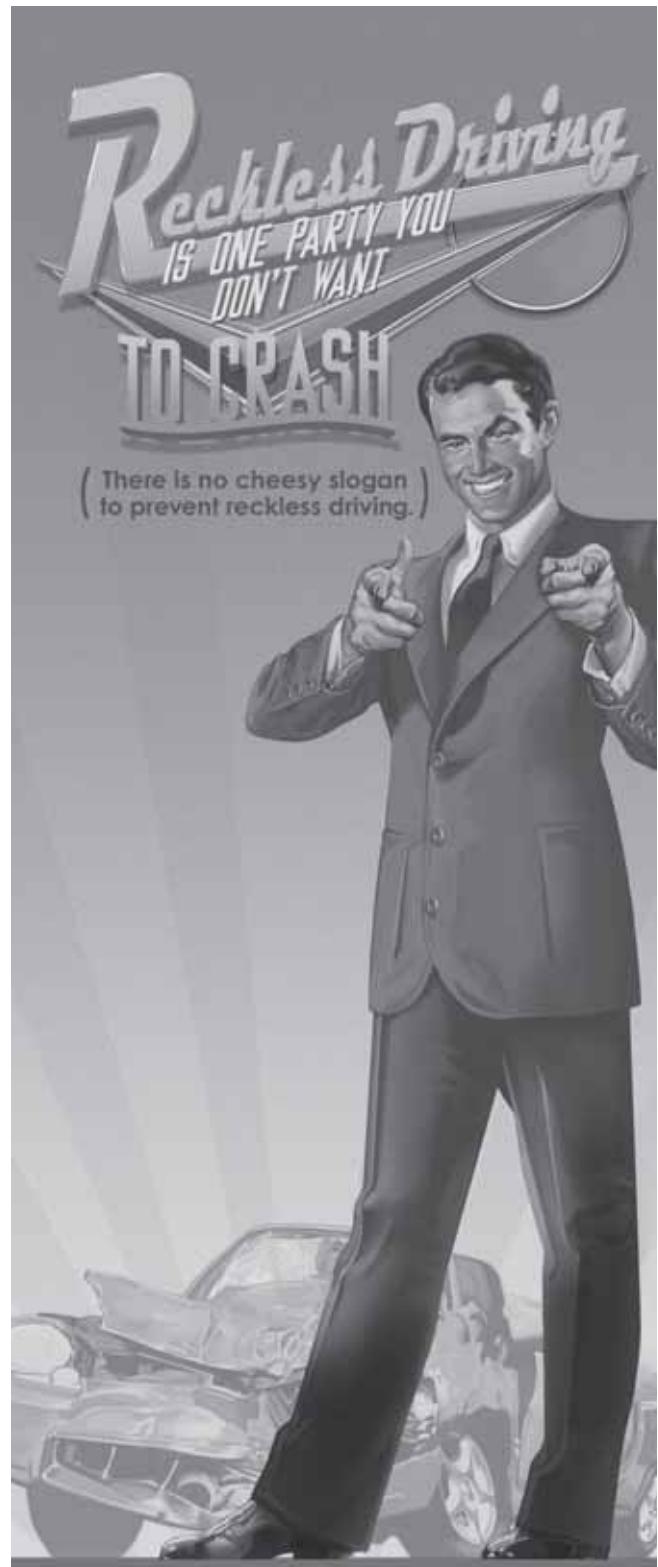
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